

PEACHES THE MOUSE: SEWING PATTERN



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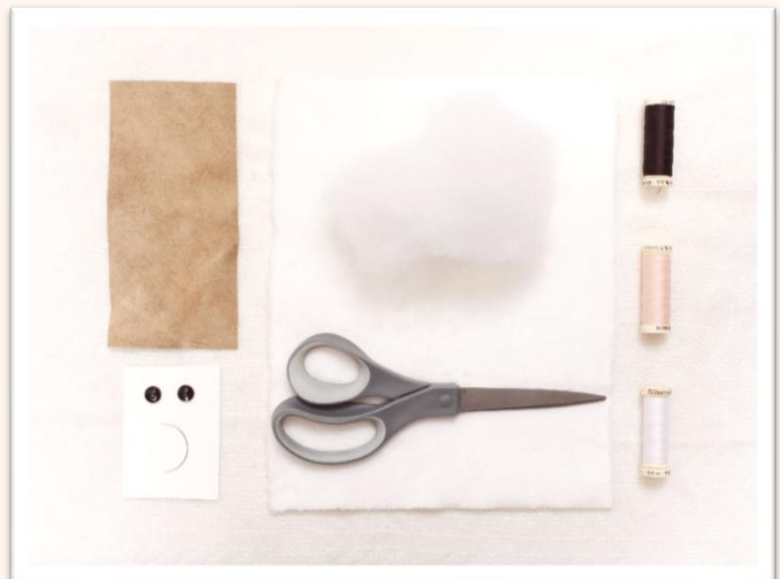
Learn to make Peaches, a liddle creacher who will always love and support you!

This little mouse friend is quite simple to make so if you're new to plush making, he's the one for you! I made my original Peaches on an impulse at three in the morning with the fabric I happened to have about the house, but you can substitute the threads/fabric with any colours you like! For this tutorial, I will just specify the material colours I used. Also, I am not a professional mouse maker (like many others), so your Peaches might come out just a little lopsided, one ear could be a little further up than the other, but that's okay because no one is perfect and Peaches is still incredibly valid and lovable.



You Will Need:

- Standard Printer Paper sized square of white fabric for body
- A narrow strip of beige fabric for ears/tail
- Needle
- Scissors
- White Thread for body
- Peach Thread for nose
- Black Thread for eyes
- Two small black buttons
- Stiff paper or thin greeting card-like paper
- Stuffing
- Measuring tape (optional)



Tips Before Sewing:

Think about your stitch options

My pattern is made to be handsewn, however, it is always possible to use a sewing machine. The dotted line on Peaches' template is around where your seamline will end up. Notice there is about a 1 cm border around the edges beyond the dotted line. All this leftover fabric will end up inside your mouse to keep the outside tidy! But be careful: your stitch determines the final look of the outside seam. If your thread is a vastly different colour than your body fabric, it will slightly show! Here are some options:



This stitch is like that of the metal binding on a sketchbook. This is the stitch I used and will leave the most surface area after Peaches is all put together. It is also the easiest stitch to do! Be sure your stitches are comfortably close to avoid pesky gaps later on the outside.

This is closer to the stitch a machine would use, and in-and-out fashion. While it may make the seams slightly neater, leaving a big amount of fabric between your stitches and the edge will take away surface area from Peaches and create a smaller mouse. Don't pull too hard or your fabric will bunch!

The machine is the quickest but can also be tricky if you're a beginner or if you don't own one. If you do use a machine however, be sure to add adequate area beyond the dotted line when tracing your pattern to ensure your needle catches the fabric!

Think about your choice of body fabric

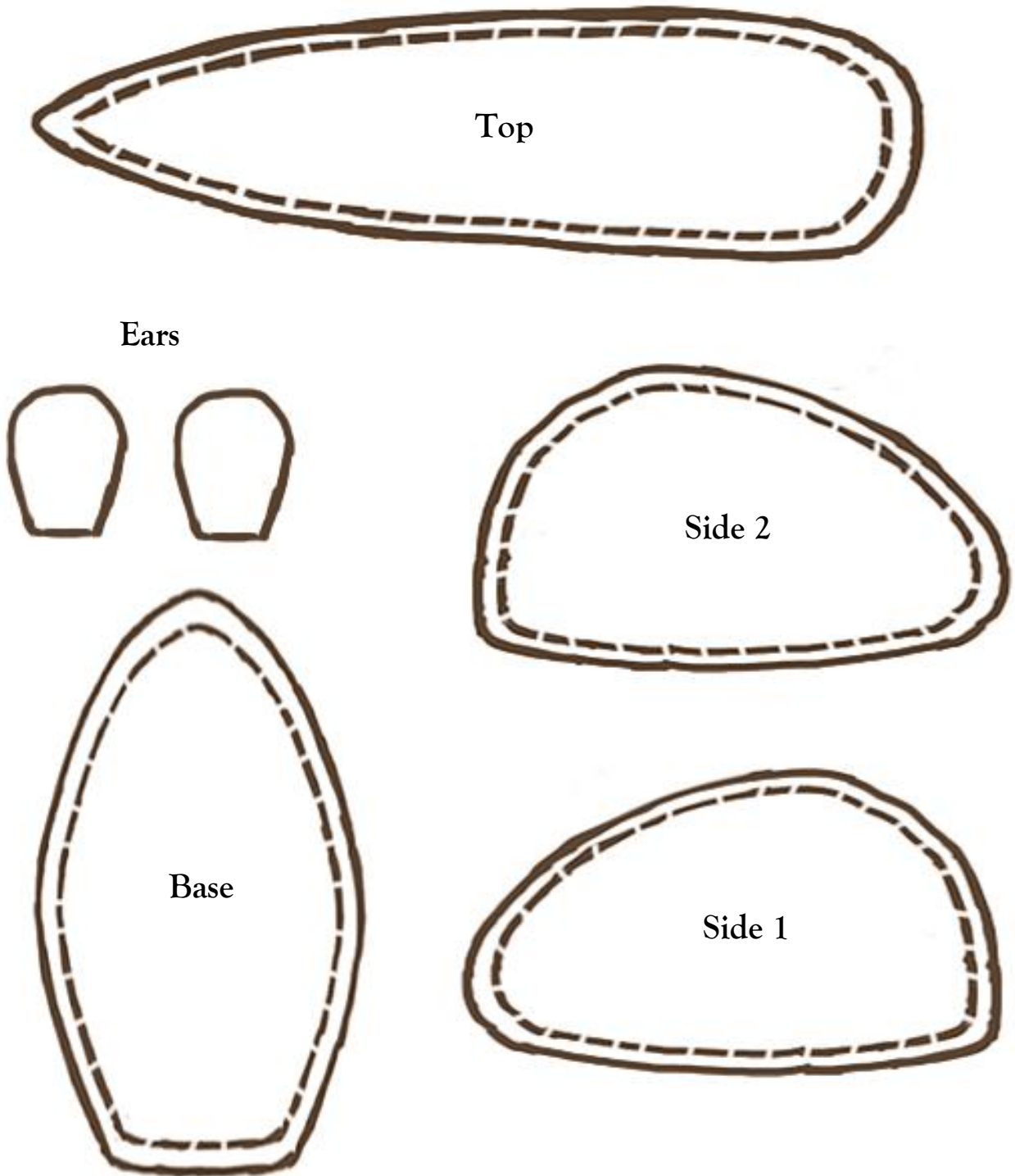
If you're using a furry fabric, you'll find the "fur" may only want to lay in one direction. Keep that in mind when you are cutting out the pieces to your little friend. If you would like to pet him from head to tail, be sure your fabric will allow the fur to lay flat in the direction you pet. Also, the thicker the fabric, the more difficult it will be to track the neatness of your stitches but equally, it will also hide most mistakes you make as well as the thread on the outside.

Think about fabric for ears/tail

Choose a fabric that will not fray! Some fabrics will begin to fall apart the moment you cut them, and while this isn't a problem for your body fabric as all the mess will be held inside by your seamline, there are no seamlines on your ears/tail; it's only a single layer of fabric. Choosing something like felt or thin faux leather are better options since you can cut those without them leaving behind a fluffy mess.

There are other tips along the way! If you have any questions, message me @my-darling-boy

Step 1: Cut out the parts for Peaches!



I left the tail up to you! Make it however long you want! Mine was about 13 cm

Step 2: Sewing line 1

Once you have all your little pieces cut out, it's time to sew them all together! We're going to be starting with this seam highlighted on the left. I will call this Line One.

Find SIDE ONE and TOP from your pieces. You're going to make a furry little sandwich with these two components, making sure the fur you want facing the outside is on the **INSIDE** for this part! You are going to be working on the inside stitches here, and Peaches would like to keep his best-looking fur on the outside of his body when you turn him right-side-out! Line up the big curvy edge of your SIDE ONE piece with the edge of your TOP piece as shown in the second photo here, making sure the tips line up. I have my unwanted fabric side facing up, the fabric I want showing in the end product is facing down.

In the second photo you see here, you are going to make that little fuzzy sandwich and begin a stitch joining the two pieces together along the edge I mentioned above. I used the loopdy-loop stitch I explained in the Tips page.

Once you get about 1/3 of the way down the edge making sure your stitches are fairly close together, **STOP**. It's time to place an ear!



Step 3: Adding an ear

At this point, you want to grab one of your EAR pieces. Fold it in half from the bottom so it looks like some sort of half open taco. This will be Peaches first ear so he can hear how much he is loved! Now this part seems a little tricky, so follow carefully.

Hold your little fuzzy sandwich of TOP and SIDE ONE so that the front of your mouse is to your left. Open that sandwich so you can slide in your little taco EAR, pinching it at the base in between pieces TOP and SIDE ONE. In the bottom picture, I show which way the taco EAR piece should be facing. The U shaped opening should be turned towards the front of your mouse. If you are still a little confused, the next image should help you figure it out.

Sew twice through the pinched base sealing it in between TOP and SIDE ONE. Be sure you have enough ear "inside" your mouse to hold it in so it won't pop out later!



Step 4: Finishing Line One

Now that Peaches' little ear is secured in place, you are going to finish stitching line one.

Continue stitching on past the ear. The photo on the right is what Peaches looks like on the outside after his ear was sewn in. My mouse's nose is that little corner all the way to the right: see how the ear faces open towards the tip? Now sew alllll the way down the curve, pulling the edges of TOP and SIDE ONE together until you reach the end of SIDE ONE.

You should now have a funny looking lemon slice shape as seen there in the second image on this page showing the inside of my mouse. Notice how you can still see the base of my ear pinched in the middle of Line One. And now that you know how to perform steps 2-4...



Step 5: Sewing line 2

Do you understand the past three steps? Good, because you must do it again to the other side to give Peaches another ear! **Repeat steps 2-4 for the other side.** Match up your SIDE TWO fabric piece with the opposite long edge of TOP. Begin sewing at the nose and once you have gone 1/3 of the way down the body, stop to add the ear. This can be tricky to get the ear to line up with the other, but Peaches doesn't mind if his ears don't quite align and that's okay! Continue to thread the needle twice through the base of the ear to hold it in place as before. Sew, sew, sew until you reach the end of SIDE TWO and voilà!

Now you should have a half sphere of a mouse body. You can see Lines 1 and 2 crossing the middle of my Peaches in that photo just above there, the ears subtly poking up (however, you want them more visible than that on the inside, I didn't have quite enough). And in this picture just to the right, you see my nearly completed boy! But this little fellow is not done just yet!



Step 6: Sewing the base

Now that you have a tiny body to work with, it's time to attach the bottom. Take your BASE piece and align it with the bottom of your mouse. You will begin by sewing SIDE ONE to BASE from nose to tail, tying it off at the back, and then stitching SIDE TWO to BASE. On the right, I have highlighted the start of the stitches on one side. Make certain you are sewing your plush on the inside, so he should have all his insides on the outside right now (sorry Peaches). DO NOT sew all the way to the back to close him all up else you won't be able to stuff him or turn him right-side-out for that matter, and no one wants a floppy wrong-side-out pancake mouse.

Once you have finished, your mouse should look something like this on the right. Turn him the right way out through the opening in his bum to ensure all is looking sound on the outside. Your furry friend is now ready for stuffing!



Step 7: Stuffing Peaches

To ensure that Peaches sits flat and doesn't roll around like a snowball, I used that STIFF PAPER to make a smaller version of my base so that I could slide it into the bottom of my plush. This prevents your boy from looking more spherical rather than a flat almond but if you want him to look like a little round ball, you can do that, he would love himself either way.

If you fear your paper piece will slip and slide around after you stuff him and seal him up, you can add a stitch near his nose that goes through the paper and holds it in place. Feel free to add them wherever you see fit.

Finally, stuff the boy. Start with little pieces up front and bigger pieces towards the back to get that Mouse Shape™. Get him all nice and plush, like this photo to the right! And once you feel he's all puffed up, it's time to add a tail!



Step 8: Sewing the Bum

Cut out a TAIL from your strip of fabric you used for the ears and turn your mouse to face away from you. It's time to seal your plush closed. Take the BASE layer and fold the end in and do the same to the TOP edge remaining. You want these edges to be folding inwards as to not leave the outside edges to fray on the outside of your mouse. Sew Peaches closed until you reach the middle. This is where you will slide the tail in between the two folded edges as seen in the second photo. Pinch hard and sew a stitch going through both BASE and TOP as well as through TAIL in the middle, holding it in place.

Continue sewing until you reach the other side and there you have it! Peaches is almost ready!



Step 9: Sewing the Sniffer and the Peepers

Peaches needs a nose to smell delicious food! And eyes to see your lovely face! Take the peach thread and begin sewing stitches over and over again at the tip of your mouse where his nose would be. Layer the thread in a way that keeps getting thicker with each stitch so the nose is clearly seen and keep your stitches close together to ensure it makes a solid pink shape.

For the eyes, take your black thread and find a spot on one side of the head where you would like Peaches' first eye. Once you've found it, make one or two stitches there to attach the thread to the fabric and slide on your button. Loop a few snug stitches to hold the button to the side. Don't worry too much about making the eye so tightly held to the side of the



head because next! You will want to thread your needle all the way to the opposite side of your plush's head as seen in the bottom picture on the previous page! Yes, poke that needle through his head, I even outlined it to show you where my curved needle went. It will take some poking around, but you want to be sure wherever that needle comes out of is where you want the other eye to be. You will be able to see the black thread if you try to make more stitches to move the position of the button, so be precise. Pull firmly at the thread. This will cause the finished eye on the other side to sink nice and snug into the side of the head. Make one more stitch there to hold that tightness as seen in the picture just above. Do the same thing for the other eye: sew on the button, poke the needle through the other side, pull tight, and secure a few more stitches, sinking the remaining eye into the side of the head.



And at last! Peaches is finished! Admire his sweet face!

Once again, if you have any questions on how to make Peaches I would be glad to help!
Send me a message on Tumblr @my-darling-boy

Have fun!